

**ABSTRACT**

According to one aspect of the present invention, there is provided a telecommunications platform having a plurality of communications links of which  
5 only a portion of the links are enabled for use through the activation of a first base license key, comprising: a licensing framework for activating an upgrade license key to enable additional ones of the plurality of links; and a traffic monitoring element for measuring the traffic level of the platform and for generating data  
10 related to the measured traffic level when it is determined that the measured traffic level is indicative that the number of links used is greater than that provided for by the base license key.

[Figure 2]